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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE RE ROC DENIAL OF ENTRY TO CU
GRANTEE

REF: A. TAIPEI 3088, B. HONG KONG 5536

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE ON MARTIN CASE:

Q: WAS DR. MARTIN ON OFFICIAL TOUR? HOW LONG WAS HIS
PROJECTED STAY ON TAIWAN?

A: DR. MARTIN WAS ON OFFICIAL DOS SPONSORED TOUR. HE
PLANNED TO VISIT TAIWAN FOR EIGHT DAYS, MAY 11-19. HIS
PLANNED PROGRAM ON TAIWAN WAS IN PART PRIVATE--A CONCERT
BOOKED THROUGH A LOCAL BOOKING AGENCY--AND IN PART USG
SPONSORED,--USIS TAIPEI HAD PLANNED A WORKSHOP.

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Q: WHY WAS CONCERT CANCELLED?

A: WE SUGGEST YOU CHECK WITH DR. MARTIN'S LOCAL SPONSOR ON TAIWAN FAR EASTERN ARTIST MANAGEMENT, OF TAIPEI.

Q: WHY WAS DR. MARTIN DENIED ENTRY TO TAIWAN?

A: OUR EMBASSY AT TAIPEI INQUIRED ABOUT THIS AND WAS INFORMED BY ROC AUTHORITIES THAT HE WAS DENIED ENTRY AS

"UNFRIENDLY PERSON." THE AUTHORITIES PROVIDED NO FURTHER EXPLANATION.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

A: WHOLE QUESTION IS NOW SOMEWHAT ACADEMIC, AS DR. MARTIN LEFT TAIWAN FOR HONG KONG ON SAME DAY HE REFUSED ENTRY, MAY 11. WE ARE NONETHELESS CONCERNED ABOUT DENIAL OF ENTRY TO OFFICIAL USG SPONSORED VISITOR AND HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSY AT TAIPEI TO MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

2. FOLLOWING MAY BE PROVIDED "ON BACKGROUND": IT IS OF COURSE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF ANY GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHO MAY ENTER ITS JURISDICTION. USG, FOR ITS PART, DOES NOT PROVIDE ALIENS WITH REASONS FOR DENIAL OF ENTRY.

3. FOR TAIPEI: EMBASSY OR USIS SHOULD SEEK SUITABLE OCCASION TO RAISE ISSUE ON POLITICAL LEVEL, PERHAPS WITH GIO DIRECTOR FRED CHIEN. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION AND, IN LOW KEY, EXPRESS REGRET THAT ROC FOUND IT NECESSARY TO DENY DR. MARTIN ENTRY. RUSH

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